

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 500**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Central Council
June 22, 2015**

CUPE / *Canadian Union
of Public Employees*
Local 500

TO: All Central Council Delegates

RE: *PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

Greetings:

The following is my monthly report of the activities and issues facing the Local since our last Central Council meeting:

BARGAINING UPDATES:

A new agreement between Local 500 and the City of Winnipeg has been ratified by the members and approved by City Council.

The new deal provides for a wage increase of 4% over two years, some benefit enhancements, and job security.

In other areas, Assiniboine Park Conservancy has ratified a four-year agreement, while our members at Kirkfield-Westwood Community Centre, have agreed to a three-year deal. Both agreements contain yearly wage increases of between 1.5 and 2 per cent.

We are currently in bargaining with the RM of East St. Paul, St. Boniface Museum and Varsity View Community Centre.

I want to thank the various bargaining committees for their hard work and dedication to our members.

LOCAL 500 SNOW PLOWING CAMPAIGN/REVIEW OF CITY'S SNOW CLEARING SERVICES REPORT - UPDATE

On February 23, the Local launched a snow plowing campaign to gather information about the public's concerns regarding their snow clearing experiences. This information has been compiled and will be shared when the city releases its snow clearing report as directed by the Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on February 10. This committee is scheduled to meet on June 23.

The Local will update the membership as more information becomes available.

REMINDER: LES BUTTERWORTH SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY PROGRAM – DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JUNE 30TH

This is a reminder that the LOCAL 500 Les Butterworth Scholarship Fund is inviting applications for its scholarship and bursary awards.

This year the fund is offering:

- **One scholarship of \$1,250.**
- **Three bursaries of \$750 each.**

The awards competition is an **annual** event open to CUPE Local 500 members and their families. The Scholarship fund was established in memory of Les Butterworth, a past education representative for CUPE. Les dedicated his life to making this a better world for working people.

More information about the program can be found on the Local's website.

MANITOBA FEDERATION OF LABOUR CONVENTION

Local 500 was well represented at the Manitoba Federation of Labour Convention from May 28-31, 2015 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

A number of resolutions were debated and voted on at the convention. Guest speakers included Pat Martin, Member of Parliament, Paul Moist, CUPE National President, the Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba, MFL President, Kevin Rebeck, just to name a few.

Kevin Rebeck was re-elected as president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour.

Thank you to the Local 500 delegates and staff who participated at the convention.

YMCA-YWCA EXPANSION

The City of Winnipeg's Executive Policy Committee voted last month to have city administration staff conclude a memorandum of understanding on a proposed \$46.7-million YMCA-YWCA expansion within 180 days.

The plan was originally laid out in December 2013, under former Mayor Sam Katz and Council, to be built over the next 11 years.

The city hoped to split the cost of the facilities, to be located in Winnipeg's southwest, northeast and northwest regions, between the city, province and YMCA-YWCA. The motion was made by councilor Russ Wyatt.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Many special events have taken place this past month. These include member orientations, 25 year pin recognition ceremonies, retirements, just to name a few.

To all the members who will be retiring this spring, I want to pass along our Best Wishes for a long and Healthy Retirement. To the many members receiving recognition on 25 years of service.....congratulations!

Conclusion:

Please share this current issues document with your co-workers.

In solidarity,



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